

Panama Canal Regulations

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may come before the Board for reexamination at any time thereafter fixed by the Board.

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§ 119.16 Raise of grade.

(a) Upon the issuance of a license involving a raise of grade, the applicant shall surrender the old license to the Board.

(b) The Board shall, before granting a raise of grade of license, require the applicant to make written application on a prescribed form.

(c) The grade of a license as Master, mate, or pilot may not be raised except upon the certificate of a physician recognized by the Panama Canal Commission, attesting that the color sense of the applicant is normal. Applicants for raise of grade of engineer license are not subject to this requirement. Nothing herein contained shall debar an applicant who has lost the sight of one eye from securing a raise of grade of his license if he is qualified in all other respects and his vision in his one eye passes the test required for the better eye of an applicant having vision in both eyes.

(d) Applicants for raise of grade of license shall present to the Board letters, discharges, or other official documents certifying to the amount and character of their experience and the names of the vessels on which it was acquired.

(e) A raise of grade of license may not be granted to any applicant unless 25 percent of the required sea service shall have been served within the three years immediately preceding the date of application. Service in the armed forces of the United States or Republic of Panama shall not be counted in computing the three years.

(f) Sea service acquired prior to the issuance of the license held may not be accepted as any part of the service required for raise of grade.

§ 119.17 Renewal of license.

(a) Applicants for renewal of master's, mate's, or pilot's license shall present evidence of service on waters for which licensed obtained within the 3 years next preceding the date of application, or shall present evidence of employment in a position closely relat-

ed to the operation of vessels within the same 3-year period. If this requirement is not met, the Board shall determine to its satisfaction that the licensed officer is thoroughly familiar with the International rules of the road or the pilot or special rules applicable to the waters for which the applicant is licensed. A written examination may be required for this purpose or the applicant may be examined orally and a summary of the oral examination placed on the officer's license file.

(b) A license may not be renewed if title to it has been forfeited or if facts which would render renewal improper have come to the attention of the Board.

(c) A 12-month period of grace shall be allowed after the expiration date of the license held, during which period it may be renewed. Active service in the armed forces or the merchant marine shall not be included in computing the period of grace: *Provided, however*, That this exception applies only to such periods of service, or portions thereof, during which there was no reasonable opportunity for renewal.

(d) A license may not be renewed more than 30 days in advance of the date of expiration thereof, unless there are extraordinary circumstances that justify a renewal beforehand, in which case the reasons must appear in detail in the records of the Board.

(e) A license as Master, mate, or pilot may not be renewed except upon the official certificate of a physician recognized by the Commission that the color sense of the applicant is normal. Applicants for renewal of license as engineer are not subject to this requirement.

(f) [Reserved]

(g) Nothing contained herein shall debar an applicant who has lost the sight of one eye from securing a renewal of his license, if he is qualified in all other respects, and the vision in his one eye passes the test required for the better eye of an applicant having sight in both eyes.

(h) An officer making application for a renewal of his license shall appear in person before the Board, except in cases where the distance from the office of the Board is such as to put the applicant to great inconvenience and expense to appear in person. In this

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event he may, upon taking the oath of office before a person authorized to administer oaths, and upon forwarding the oath, together with the license to be renewed, and the written application and certificate of visual examination where required, have the license renewed by the Board, if a valid reason to the contrary is not known. The Board shall attach the oath to the stub end of the license, which is to be retained on file in the Board's office.

(i) If an applicant applies for renewal of his license for the same grade, after 12 months after the date of its expiration, he must pass an examination for the same grade of license, of such length and scope as will, in the judgment of the Board, be sufficient to demonstrate adequately the continued professional knowledge of the examinee, except that a professional examination shall not be required if the license expired during the time of the holder's service with the armed forces or the merchant marine, and there was no reasonable opportunity for renewal.

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§ 119.18 Sea service as member of armed forces of the United States or the Republic of Panama or on vessels owned by either nation.

(a) Sea service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Republic of Panama will be accepted as qualifying experience for an original, raise of grade, or extension of route of license. Such service will be subject to evaluation to determine its equivalent to the sea service required on merchant-type vessels, and to determine the appropriate grade, class, and limit of license for which the applicant is eligible. An applicant may be permitted to omit the examination for intermediate grades of license if his experience is of such character as to qualify him for a higher, or the highest, grade of license.

(b) If a person who has served in a civilian capacity as commanding officer, Master, mate, engineer, or pilot, etc., of any vessel owned and operated by the United States or the Republic of Panama, in a service in which a license as Master, mate, engineer, or pilot was not required at the time of the service,

applies for examination for license, the Board shall evaluate the time or service and allow appropriate credit therefor.

§ 119.19 Evaluation of equivalent experience.

If an applicant presents evidence of service or experience which does not meet the specific requirements of these regulations, but which, in the opinion of the Board, is a reasonable equivalent thereof, the Board may evaluate the experience and allow appropriate credit therefor.

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§ 119.20 Increase in scope of license; removal of limitations.

(a) If the Board is satisfied on the basis of documentary evidence submitted that an applicant is entitled by experience and knowledge to an increase in the scope of his license, the Board may recommend removal or modification of any limitations which may have previously been placed upon the license.

(b) A limitation on a license may not be changed before the applicant has made up any deficiency in the experience prescribed for the license desired and has passed the necessary examination.

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§ 119.21 Written statement of reasons for denying license.

If the Board declines to recommend the applicant for the license applied for, it shall furnish him a statement, in writing, setting forth the reasons for its refusal to make the recommendation.

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§ 119.23 Limitations on license.

The Board may limit, as appropriate, the tonnage, length, horsepower, type of vessel(s) and the waters upon which any licensee may act. The Board will note any such limitations on the license.

§ 119.24 Oath of licensee.

Every person receiving a license or certificate of lost license shall sign